in the direction indicated will be warranted.

167. Desirability of not making Malayalam a compulsory language for the girls appearing for the Travancore Middle School Examination.

Mr. Paul Daniel M. A., L. T., (Native Christian Association, Nagercoil) who had given notice of this subject was not present in the Assembly, but it was nevertheless taken up.

Reply.—The Proceedings of Government on this subject dated 14th August 1904 were issued as the result of a Conference and Government see no sufficient reason to modify it.

168. Introduction of Tamil also as a second language for the Travancore Middle School Examination.

Mr. P. Mathevan Pillai (Nanjanattar Sabha, Nagercoil) represented that Tamil was the language of the people in Nanjanad as Malayalam was in the rest of the State, and hence it should also be prescribed as a second language for the students appearing for the Travancore Middle School Examination.

Reply.—Malayalam is the language of the State and the English Middle School examination being a qualifying test for admission to the subordinate public service, Tamil cannot be substituted for Malayalam.

169. Establishment of a hostel attached to His Highness the Maharajah's College.

Mr. S. Swamy Iyengar of Trivandrum (Nominated) said that His Highness the Maha Rajah's College drew a large number of students from all parts both in and outside the State, and the Law College was a unique institution, having only one other like it in the whole Presidency. The strength of the latter College in particular was made up of a large number of students coming from outside the State and all these suffered for want of a hostel. The Presidency and Christian College hostels were unqualified successes and there was no reason why a hostel established here also should not be equally a success.

Reply.—The scheme for establishing a hostel attached to His Highness the Maha Rajah's College has been already sanctioned and steps are being taken to carry it out.

170. Establishment of free reading rooms in the headquarters of all the four Divisions.

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